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SUBJECT: GSA TUNGSTEN DISPOSALS

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REF: A) BANGKOK 7603 (NOTAL); B) STATE 58800 (NOTAL);
STATE 63554 (NOTAL)

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58800 AND STATE 63554). SECTION 2(C) OF THAT DRAFT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZED THE ADMINISTRATION OF GENERAL SERVICES TO USE ANY QUANTITY OF TUNGSTEN WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL FROM THE STOCKPILE TO AID IN THE ACQUISITION OF THAT QUANTITY OF COPPER. HOWEVER, IN EACH OF THE FISCAL YEARS 78 AND 79, THE FIRST 3 MILLION POUNDS OF TUNGSTEN DISPOSED OF MAY NOT BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

2. AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1978, 62.3 MILLION POUNDS OF TUNGSTEN ORES AND CONCENTRATES (BOTH STOCKPILE AND NON-STOCKPILE GRADES) HAD BEEN DECLARED EXCESS TO STOCKPILE NEEDS. UNDER PRIOR LEGISLATION, THAT ENTIRE QUANTITY ALREADY IS AUTHORIZED FOR DISPOSAL; THE DECONCINI/UDALL

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